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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 are canceled. Claims 6, 7 and 13 are amended. Accordingly, claims 6, 7, and 13 are pending.

Each of claims 6, 7, and 13 recites an expedited method of assembling software systems comprising, inter alia, the steps of (i) fabricating identical CONTROL modules in all of the software systems, (ii) fabricating identical COM_MOD modules in all of the software systems, and (iii) fabricating PAK_MOD modules in all of the software systems, such that (A) copies of a software unit A is contained in every PAK_MOD module, (B) some PAK_MOD modules contain a software unit B with no unit C, and (C) some PAK_MOD modules contain a software unit C with no unit B.

None of the prior art including Yates et al. discloses or suggests an expedited method of assembling software systems in which the software systems are installed into respective electronic payment switches, and in which (i) identical CONTROL modules are fabricated in all of the software systems, (ii) identical COM_MOD modules are fabricated in all of the software systems, and (iii) PAK_MOD modules are fabricated in all of the software systems, such that (A) copies of a software unit A is contained in every PAK_MOD module, (B) some PAK_MOD modules contain a software unit B with no unit C, and (C) some PAK_MOD modules contain a software unit C with no unit B.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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